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By Ms. Balser of Newton, petition of Ruth B. Balser and others  
relative to enhancing the health of school children. Public Health.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Ruth B. Balser	Frank I. Smizik
Richard T. Moore	John W. Scibak
Shirley Gomes	

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO ENHANCING THE HEALTH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 57 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

4 Every private school shall be required to inform each parent  
5 and guardian of every enrolled pupil that, under the requirements  
6 of this section, said school is not required by law to conduct said  
7 examinations except at the individual request of a parent or  
8 guardian. Every private school shall likewise be required to obtain  
9 from a parent or guardian of every enrolled pupil, provided that  
10 said parent or guardian has not made said individual request, on  
11 an annual basis a form signed by the pupil's primary care physi-  
12 cian or pediatrician stating that said examinations have been con-  
13 ducted by them. Any pupil shall be exempt on religious grounds  
14 from these examinations upon written request of a parent or  
15 guardian on condition that the laws and regulations relating to  
16 communicable diseases shall not be violated.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1 subsequent to  
2 its enactment.